(b) 6,020 Pak nationals returned back to Pakistan, till now.

(c) 57 Pak nationals have not yet returned back to Pakistan. Particulars of all such Pak nationals have been circulated to all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations with a request to make concerted efforts to locate these Pak nationals and take immediate action for their deportation to Pakistan under the power delegated to them under Section 3 (2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946.

Naxalites in Orissa and Jharkhand

2443. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that naxalites are spreading their influence across Orissa and have also established a 'corridor' through the State with Jharkhand at one end and Andhra Pradesh on the other;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons killed as a result of violence committed by the naxalites during the current year so far; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to tackle this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) 76 districts in 9 State including Orissa are affected by naxalite activity/ influence in varying degrees. Available reports indicate that CP(Maoist) have been attempting to carve out a 'Compact Revolutionary Zone'(CRZ) spreading from Nepal through Bihar and the Dandakaranya region to Andhra Pradesh.

(c) As per available information, 510 (295 civilians, 89 SFs and 126 naxalites) persons have been killed in the naxalite violence during the current year (up to 31.7.2005).

(d) The Central Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to tackle the problem of naxalism which includes (a) having a peace dialogue

by the affected States, wherever feasible, with naxal groups willing to abjure violence, (b) modernization and strengthening of the State police forces, long term deployment of para military forces,intensified intelligence based well-coordinated anti-naxalite operations, (c) focused attention on integrated development of the affected areas and (d) removal of socio-cultural alienation of people, gearing up of public grievances redressal system and creation of Local Resistance Groups.

Talks with Hurriyat leaders

† 2444. DR. CHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is going to talk to the leaders of Hurriyat Conference;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress so far made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) the Government is committed to having dialogue with ail groups and different shades of opinion in the State of Jammu and Kashmir on a sustained basis in consultation with the democratically elected State Government whenever needed. On two earlier occasions, the Government had held talks with the Hurriyat then led by Maulana Abbas Ansari.

Statutory Development Board for Konkan

2445. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had suggested to the State Government of Maharashtra to reconsider their proposal for establishment of separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.